## WOMEN'S HOSPITAL, MATTANCHERI—DISCHARGE OF A PATIENT—IRREGULARITIES IN

**299. Mr. M. L. Joseph** *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware that a pregnant woman who skulked away from the Mattancheri Maternity Hospital died in the General Hospital during the second or third week of November 1939 after undergoing an operation;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government have made any enquiries as to why this patient skulked away from the Mattancheri Hospital and for how long has she been in that hospital immediately before her skulking away from there;

(*c*) are the Government aware that the doctors in charge of the Maternity Hospital, Mattancheri, were not able to find out that the woman referred to was pregnant and that they were treating her for something else for all the time she was in that hospital?

**Dr. T. Verghese** *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) No patient is known to have skulked away from the Women's Hospital, Mattancheri. But a patient discharged from the Women's Hospital was admitted in the General Hospital on 11th November 1939/25th Thulam 1115. Laparotomy was done on her on 27th Thulam 1115. The patient died on 30th Thulam 1115.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (*a*). She was in the hospital for about 3 months.

(*c*) No.

## MEDICAL OFFICERS—SALE OF MEDICINES TO PATIENTS

**300. Mr. M. L. Joseph** *(Latin Christians-Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are aware that Medical Officers in charge of certain hospitals are regularly selling medicines to their patients;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government have instituted any enquiry as to whether these medicines are sold from the Government supply to the hospitals?

**Dr. T. Verghese** *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*.

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